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SUBJ: NEGOTIATION OF NOTES ON PRECLEARANCE AT FREEPORT

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1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN

REF (A):

(1)(A). RE COMPLETION OF SECURITY MEASURES AT NASSAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - FOLLOWING MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN: (A) WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON STRAIGHTENING OF COVERED WALKWAY LEADING FROM THE PRECLEARED LOUNGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINGER; (B) EXTENSION OF THE PRECLEARED LOUNGE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED AND THE EXTENDED PORTIONS ARE NOW IN USE; (C) SECURITY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED WITH POSTING OF POLICE ALONG PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AREAS (A AND B) IN ORDER TO PREVENT CO-MINGLING.

(1)(B) NEW TOILET FACILITIES IN THE PRECLEARED LOUNGE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE AS SOON AS PUMPS WHICH HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM THE U.S. ARRIVE. DELIVERY TIME IS ABOUT SIX WEEKS HENCE.

(1)(C) DUE TO THE PRE-OCCUPATION WITH GENERAL

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ELECTIONS AND THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 20, 1977, THE REVIEW OF LEGISLATION TO FURTHER SUPPORT PRECLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THE GCOB IS NOW GIVING THIS ITEM HIGH PRIORITY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO PUSH FOR PASSAGE THIS FALL. PASSAGE IS EXPECTED.

(1)(D) CONCERNING SECURITY MEASURES AT FREEPORT, OUR

BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT IS THE ARCHITECTS' DRAWINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED (REFB). THESE CONSTRUCTION PLANS MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS.

(1)(E) DATA WAS LAST FURNISHED BY INTERCONTINENTAL DIVERSIFIED CORPORATION AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM ON JUNE 24, 1976. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS DATA BE UPDATED. EMBASSY WILL FURTHER ADVISE DEPARTMENT WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

2. WITH REGARD TO FENCING - THE PERMSEC OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM, BALTRON B. BETHEL, IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 5, 1977 GIVING STATUS REPORT ON SECURITY MEASURES AT NASSAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STATED THAT "IF THE EMBASSY INSISTED ON THE FENCING, THE MINISTRY WOULD PROCEED WITH ITS CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT DELAY." BETHEL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WE DO REQUIRE AS A NECESSARY AND PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON SECURITY MEASURE AND HAS STATED THAT "MINISTRY IS ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS THAT CONSTRUCTION PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY." REGARDING THE BOOTHS, THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM HAS APPROVED THE CONTRACT FOR THE ENLARGEMENT AND RE-ALLOCATION OF IMPROVED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR U.S. CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENTS. THIS WORK WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS THE NEW TOILET FACILITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AS THE OLD TOILET FACILITIES WILL BE DEMOLISHED SO THAT THIS SPACE CAN BE UTILIZED FOR EXPANSION OF THE BOOTHS.
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3. SEE REPLY TO (1)(C) ABOVE.
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